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## **EX-JUVENILE CORRECTIONS OFFICER SENTENCED TO 144 MONTHS**

*30-year-old West Texas man received, distributed child pornography via the Internet*

PECOS, Texas - United States District Judge Robert Junell on Thursday sentenced a former juvenile corrections officer with the West Texas State School in Pyote, Texas, to 144 months in federal prison, three years supervised release, and a \$5,000 fine.

Armando Orona Jr., 30, was convicted in October 2004 after a United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) investigation revealed that Orona was sending child pornography to a residence in San Jose, Calif., via the Internet.

This case began back in December 18, 2003, when ICE special agents executed a search warrant on the California residence.

ICE Special Agents determined that Orona had over 1,000 images and videos depicting child pornography on his home computer in Monahans, Texas. In addition, between April 28 and July 1, Orona was responsible for distributing at least 500 computer images and videos depicting child pornography.

"This case exemplifies the length ICE special agents are willing to go in order to remove these violators from our communities," said Resident Agent-in-Charge Jeff Boyette of ICE's Alpine, Texas office. "ICE special agents worked closely with state and local authorities in three states to bring this predator to justice, ultimately removing him from his position of trust where he had daily contact with minors."

ICE special agents in Alpine, Midland and Fort Stockton together with the Ward County Sheriff's Office to investigate this case.

The conviction is the result of ICE's Operation Predator, a nationwide ICE initiative to protect children from sexual predators, including those who travel overseas for sex with minors, Internet

child pornographers, criminal alien sex offenders, and child sex traffickers. Since Operation Predator was launched in July 2003, ICE agents have arrested more than 4,877 individuals.

ICE encourages the reporting of suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. This hotline is staffed around the clock by investigators.

Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com).

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